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TCCWMD Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

**MEETING
CANCELED**

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, June 17
Garrett County

Wednesday, December 16
Washington County

COVID-19 Quick Links

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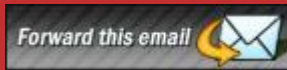
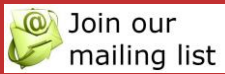
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[Click here to download the Guide](#)

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Notice of Funding Availability

Transportation in Economically Distressed Areas Supported

[The Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone \(HOPE\) Program](#) supports projects that address the transportation challenges faced by areas of persistent poverty. It also supports coordinated human service transportation planning to improve service or provide new service such as rides to opioid abuse recovery and treatment.

Application deadline is Monday, May 4, 2020.



U.S. Senate Committee on
Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Senator Ben Cardin
Ranking Member

The Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act

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To keep up to date on when these programs become available, please stay in contact with your local Small Business Administration (SBA) District Office, which you can locate [here](#).

Struggling to get started? The following questions might help point you in the right direction. Do you need:

- **Capital to cover the cost of retaining employees?** Then the [Paycheck Protection Program](#) might be right for you.
- **A quick infusion of a smaller amount of cash to cover you right now?** You might want to look into an [Emergency Economic Injury Grant](#).
- **To ease your fears about keeping up with payments on your current or potential SBA loan?** The [Small Business Debt Relief Program](#) could help.
- **Just some quality, free counseling to help you navigate this uncertain economic time?** The [resource partners](#) might be your best bet.

Already know what resources you're looking for? The table of contents can direct you to more information about the program or assistance product you need.

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Small business help now

Need help paying rent, mortgage payments, or utilities?

Accessing emergency funds, the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County established the **COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Fund**. The fund establishes a one-time grant award of \$2,500. There is no repayment required.

To be eligible, the business must:

- Have a physical address in Allegany County, Maryland
- Must be in good standing with the State of Maryland
- Have no more than 15 full-time employees (as of March 1, 2020)
- Demonstrate a loss of business revenue of 50% or more related to COVID-19
- Have no pre-existing tax liens or legal judgments
- Cannot be any of the following entities: home-based businesses, churches or religious institutions, banks & financial institutions, investment/real-estate entities, government agencies



To apply, or for additional resources, visit:

<https://resources.inallegany.org/emergency-resources-for-businesses/>